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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1993 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 1993 (decision 1993/206).

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(d) Transnational corporations;

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(h) Environment;

(i) Desertification and drought;

(j) Transport of dangerous goods;

(k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

(l) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

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17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

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II. ANNOTATIONS

High-level segment

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its high-level segment of 1993 (decision 1993/206).

Item 2. World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government to be held in early 1995; decided that the Summit should have the following objectives: (a) to further the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, as stated in Article 55, to promote "higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development", and "solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems", with particular focus on social development aspects; (b) to express a shared world-wide commitment to put the needs of people at the centre of development and of international cooperation as a major priority of international relations; (c) to stimulate international cooperation at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels, through governmental, private and non-governmental initiatives, in order to assist in the implementation of nationally appropriate, effective and efficient social policies and to formulate strategies which enabled all citizens to be actively engaged in those policies; (d) to formulate strategies on goals, policies and priority actions that could be taken at the national, regional and international levels to address, in the different development realities, core issues of shared universal concern in the field of social development, giving particular attention to the needs of the least developed countries; (e) to create international awareness of and address the modalities to attain the necessary balance between economic efficiency and social justice in a growth-oriented, equitable and sustainable development environment in accordance with nationally defined priorities; (f) to address, in creative ways, the interaction between the social function of the State, market responses to social demands and the imperatives of sustainable development; (g) to identify common problems of socially marginalized and disadvantaged groups and promote the integration of those groups into society, highlighting the need for societies to equalize opportunity for all members; (h) to promote programmes to ensure legal protection, foster effective social welfare programmes and enhance education and training for different groups in all societies, including the marginalized and disadvantaged groups; (i) to assist in ensuring a more effective delivery of social services for the more disadvantaged sectors of society; (j) to highlight the need to mobilize resources for social development at the local, national, regional and international levels; (k) to make appropriate recommendations regarding more effective action by the United Nations system in the sphere of social development, in particular measures and

policies for the revitalization of the Commission for Social Development; decided that the core issues affecting all societies to be addressed by the Summit were (a) the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups; (b) alleviation and reduction of poverty; and (c) expansion of productive employment; and recommended that the Economic and Social Council, at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993, consider the theme "World Summit for Social Development" (Assembly resolution 47/92).

At its organizational session for 1993, the Economic and Social Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session to 1993 should be devoted to the consideration of the major theme "World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development"; and invited the Secretary-General, in preparing the report for the high-level segment, to pay attention to ways of attaining the objectives of the Summit and to examine the core issues - namely, the enhancement of social integration, the alleviation and reduction of poverty and the expansion of productive employment (decision 1993/204).

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General containing a review of those core issues of shared universal concern in the field of social development and a broad assessment of the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development. The appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, will have contributed to the preparation of the report within their areas of competence in pursuance of paragraph (c) of decision 1993/204.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development

Item 3. Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system

Heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system will participate in a one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation, with a view to building areas of understanding.

Documentation

World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60)

Item 4. Conclusion of the high-level segment

In the annex to resolution 45/264, on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, the General Assembly set out guidelines for the high-level segment of the Council. The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment are to be presented to the Council by its President in the form of a summary, which will be incorporated in its final report.

Other segments

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (decision 1993/206).

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (E/5715/Rev.2), should any proposals be submitted for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda, they will be circulated as soon as they are received, and a supplementary list of items will be issued as an addendum to the provisional agenda.

Coordination segment

Item 2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

(a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

(b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council, having reaffirmed the provisions of section III, paragraphs (a) to (e) of its decision 1992/217 and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 1993 should be devoted to the consideration of the themes "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development" and "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera"; and also decided that the coordination segment would reach agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various parts of the United Nations system for implementation (decision 1993/205).

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council will have before it reports of the Secretary-General containing an overview of the relevant activities of the United Nations system and a broad system-wide assessment of the status of coordination in those areas of work, and specific recommendations on coordination aspects addressed to various parts of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera

Operational activities segment

Item 3. Operational activities for development

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to promote an early agreement on a common interpretation of the programme approach, including an effective methodology for evaluation, to be applied by the United Nations system, with due regard to country-specific circumstances, to promote an early agreement on a common interpretation of national execution to be applied by the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 in order that the Council might examine the reports and evaluate whether effective and coordinated actions were being taken on the matters by the United Nations development system (Assembly resolution 47/199). The Assembly also stressed the need for the Economic and Social Council to examine the operational activities of the United Nations system, with a view to taking appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and making recommendations thereon. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, after consultations with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to present to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 an appropriate management process containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time-frames for the full implementation of the resolution, and to submit to the Council at its substantive sessions of 1993 and 1994 a progress report on the implementation of the resolution, incorporating, inter alia, the reports mentioned above.

The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will report on the work of its fortieth session (Headquarters, 1-18 June 1993), as well as on its organizational meeting and special session (Headquarters, 16-19 February 1993) (Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)).

It is expected that the Governing Council will report, inter alia, on its consideration of the following funds and programmes:

(a) Technical cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General. 1/ The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme reports annually to the Economic and Social Council on the technical cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 2029 (XX));

(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund. 1/ The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme reports regularly to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council on the activities of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (Assembly resolutions 2186 (XXI) and 2321 (XXII));

(c) United Nations Volunteers programme. 1/ The Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme report regularly on the United Nations Volunteers programme, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 33/84);

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration. The report of the Governing Council will include information on the progress and operation of the Fund (Council resolution 1762 (LIV) and Assembly resolution 36/200).

High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. 1/ The Committee is entrusted with the overall intergovernmental review of technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations system. It reports to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 33/134). The Committee held its eighth session at Headquarters from 24 to 28 May 1993.

Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes. The Committee submits an annual report to the Council (Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)). The Committee will adopt its eighteenth annual report, covering the year 1992, at its thirty-fifth session (Rome, 31 May-4 June 1993).

United Nations Children's Fund. 2/ The Executive Board of UNICEF reports annually to the Council (Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)). Its annual session was held from 26 April to 7 May 1993.

1/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

2/ Will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the operational activities of the United Nations system

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1993/35, Supp. No. 15)

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session (A/48/39, Supp. No. 39)

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1993/34, Supp. No. 14)

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Item 4. Coordination questions

United Nations common system. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, emphasizing the importance of, and benefits derived from, maintaining a coherent and unified United Nations common system, called upon the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1993, to review and, where appropriate, strengthen the applicable sections of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, in particular article VIII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union, 3/ in order to enhance comparability and further adherence to the goals and objectives of the common system (Assembly resolution 46/191 B). At its organizational session for 1993, the Council decided to initiate a discussion of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, taking into account a report to be submitted by the Joint Inspection Unit, as well as a background document prepared by the Secretary-General and a progress report of the International Civil Service Commission on the implementation of section II.E of General Assembly resolution 47/216 of 23 December 1992 (Council decision 1993/211).

Documentation

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit and related comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

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3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 30, sect. II, No. 175.

Report of the Secretary-General

Progress report of the International Civil Service Commission

Promotion of press freedom in the world. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/SPC/46/3) transmitting the text of resolution 4.3 of 6 November 1991 of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the promotion of press freedom in the world. In that resolution, the General Conference invited the Director-General of UNESCO to transmit to the General Assembly the wish expressed by the States members of UNESCO to have 3 May declared International Press Freedom Day, and to examine with the Secretary-General of the United Nations ways and means of issuing a joint report on the progress of press freedom in the world to mark that day. The General Assembly decided, on procedural grounds, to refer the resolution to the Economic and Social Council, for its consideration (Assembly resolution 47/73).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General (E/1993/58)

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) on the first part of its thirty-third session (Headquarters, 10-14 May 1993) will include the outcome of the Committee's consideration of the item entitled "Coordination questions".

ACC submits an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)) in order to provide the Council with a summary of its work. The report has been updated to take into account developments that have taken place during the first part of 1993.

The Council will also have before it the report of ACC on programmes and resources of the United Nations system for the biennium 1992-1993.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-third session (A/48/16, part I)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1993/)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on programmes and resources of the United Nations system for the biennium 1992-1993 (E/1993/)

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 1992, the Economic and Social Council requested its President to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council; it requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (resolution 1992/59). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Council to continue, as appropriate, to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the Assembly (Assembly resolution 47/16).

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The Council reviews annually, in consultation with the Special Committee against Apartheid, the assistance provided by agencies and institutions of the United Nations system in the context of General Assembly resolution 33/183 K.

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 2100 (LXIII)). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/212-E/1992/54), reiterated its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in its resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 47/170).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council stressed the priority that it attached to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers to the growing computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations; called for the urgent implementation of measures, if necessary in a phased programme, in order to achieve those objectives; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 on the follow-up action taken on the resolution (resolution 1992/60).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken on Council resolution 1992/60

(d) Question of a United Nations year for tolerance

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly welcomed the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to proclaim 1995 as the United Nations year for tolerance; requested the Director-General of UNESCO to prepare, in cooperation with other interested organizations, his suggestions on the observance of the United Nations year for tolerance and to submit them to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council; and invited the Economic and Social Council to consider at its substantive session of 1993 the question of proclaiming 1995 as the United Nations year for tolerance and to inform the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session of its recommendation (Assembly resolution 47/124).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the observance of the United Nations year for tolerance

(e) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

At its organizational session of 1993, the Council, having considered the note verbale dated 29 June 1992 from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the Secretary-General (E/1993/8), the annex to which contained World Health Assembly resolution 45.20 on multisectoral collaboration on the World Health Organization's programme on tobacco or health, decided to include in the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1993, under the item entitled "Coordination questions", a sub-item entitled "Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health", and to request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council at that session a report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on collaboration and cooperation within the United Nations system on the problem of tobacco or health (Council decision 1993/212).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (E/1993/56)

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit brought to the attention of the Council:

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions: performance and innovation challenges", parts I and II, and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (E/1993/18 and Add.1 and 2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system", and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/47/669, A/48/83 and Add.1)

Item 5. Programme and related questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter, with a view to submitting its own recommendations thereon to the General Assembly (Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-third session (A/48/16, Supplement No. 16)

(b) Calendar of conferences. The Council will be required to draw up its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 1994 and 1995 (Council decision 52 (LVII)).

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 1994 and 1995 (E/1993/L.20/Rev.1)

Item 6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

(a) Special programmes of economic assistance

The Council will hear an oral report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/160 on emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia. A written report will be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session. In that resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation in Somalia, to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the resolution, to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 of the progress made and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

The Council will also hear oral reports on the following questions:

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council appealed to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts and invited the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its substantive session of 1993 of the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1992/42). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/155 on the question.

Assistance to Yemen. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council called upon Governments and all regional and international organizations to continue their efforts to provide their special assistance to Yemen and requested the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its substantive session of 1993 of the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1992/61). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/179 on the question.

(b) Humanitarian assistance

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit his annual report on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (Assembly resolution 47/168). At the same session, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (Assembly resolution 47/107).

Item 7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990. The Assembly adopted the International Framework of Action for the Decade, in which, inter alia, the Secretary-General was requested to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Council, on the activities of the Decade (Assembly resolution 44/236).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Item 8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in the light of his recommendations on priority areas (see A/47/322-E/1992/102 and Add.1 and 2), to undertake an analytical review of all United Nations activities to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in those countries most affected, including related Secretariat arrangements, taking full account of ongoing programmes and other relevant activities, including those of regional and other organizations, and the principle of comparative advantage; and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the resolution and to present an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 (Assembly resolution 47/165).

Item 9. Sustainable development

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191, established the Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council, in order, inter alia, to ensure the effective follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (decision 1993/207). The functions of the

Commission are set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of General Assembly resolution 47/191. The Assembly recommended that the Commission, in discharging its functions, submit its consolidated recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and, through it, to the General Assembly. It requested all specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust their activities, programmes and medium-term plans, in line with Agenda 21, and to make their reports on the steps they have taken to give effect to this recommendation available to the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council in 1993 or, at the latest, in 1994, in accordance with article 64 of the Charter of the United Nations. The General Assembly also requested the Governing Councils of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the Trade and Development Board, to examine the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, at their next sessions and to submit reports on their specific plans to implement Agenda 21 to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council; it also requested the regional commissions to examine the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of Agenda 21 at their next sessions and to submit reports on their specific plans to implement Agenda 21, and further requested the Council to decide on the arrangements required so that the reports of the regional commissions could be made available to the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1993 or, at the latest, in 1994.

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session (New York, 14-25 June 1993).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session (E/1993/25/Add.1)

Item 10. Non-governmental organizations

The Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/217.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, which meets biennially, reports to the Council in accordance with Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1926 (XLIV).

Review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Development. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to consider, to the extent possible within existing resources, increasing the human and financial resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate under Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) within the framework of the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995; and to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council through the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (resolution 1992/39).

The Secretary-General will report orally to the Council on the question.

Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations. At its organizational session for 1993, the Council decided to conduct, with the assistance of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, a general review of current arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations, with a view to updating them, if necessary, in particular in the light of recent experience, and to complete that review by 1995; and requested the Committee to consider the modalities for such a review and to submit its proposals to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (decision 1993/214).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Item 11. United Nations University

The Council will consider the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1992 (General Assembly resolutions 3081 (XXVIII and 39/217). 4/

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (E/1993/40)

Item 12. Statistical and cartographic questions

(a) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-seventh session (Headquarters, 22 February-3 March 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein (resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-seventh session were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/310.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-seventh session (E/1993/26, Supp. No. 6)

4/ The report will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

(b) Cartography

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Headquarters, 25 August-3 September 1992) (Council decision 1988/116).

It will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Fifth United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Headquarters, 11-15 January 1993) (Council decision 1989/116).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/1993/21)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifth United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas (E/1993/39)

Item 13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports annually to the General Assembly through the Council, in conformity with paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex).

At its fifty-first session, in 1971, the Council decided that the report of the High Commissioner should be transmitted to the Assembly without debate, unless the Council decided otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda (resolution 1623 (LI), sect. II).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1993/20)

Item 14. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions. At its first regular session of 1979, the Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of the reports of the regional commissions (decision 1979/1). The reports are transmitted directly to all Member States. The Secretary-General, in his annual report on regional cooperation, in addition to reporting on the meetings of the executive secretaries, highlights developments within each region and draws the Council's attention to specific issues requiring its

consideration. The report of the Secretary-General will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. It will also contain information on the implementation of Council resolution 1992/43 on strengthening the role of the regional commissions.

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council, having taken note of the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared in compliance with Council resolution 1989/119 by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe (E/1991/67, annex), requested the Executive Secretaries of the two Commissions to prepare an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Council in 1993 (resolution 1991/74). At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/45 on the question.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1992 (E/1993/46)

Summary of the survey of economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1992 (E/1993/52)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1991-1992 (E/1993/53)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1991-1992 (E/1993/54)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1992 (E/1993/48)
Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gilbratar

Item 15. Development and international economic cooperation

The Council will have before it the World Economic Survey, 1993, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1983/50. With regard to this year's edition, the Survey will seek to respond to the requests for information contained in General Assembly resolutions 47/171 on privatization in the context of economic restructuring, economic growth and sustainable development and 47/178 on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries. The World Economic Survey, 1993 will contain seven chapters. Chapter I will provide an overview of the major current and emerging issues of a global significance that require the attention of policy makers in the international arena, and an assessment of short-term prospects of the world economy. Chapter II will examine recent

output and income trends and their main determinants in developed, developing and transition economies. Chapter III will focus on recent trends in international trade in merchandise and services, while also assessing key developments in multilateral and regional trading arrangements. Chapter IV will discuss recent trends in saving and the net transfer of financial resources, including trends in major international channels for private and official capital flows and the status of the external debt situation of developing and transition economies. Chapter V will analyse the world energy situation and outlook, current proposals to tax energy consumption and opportunities for enhanced international cooperation in energy. Chapter VI will address the question of hunger in the 1990s and chapter VII will investigate new thinking and emerging issues regarding industrial policy. The Survey will also contain, as in recent years, a substantial statistical annex of current economic data for reference.

Documentation

World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60)

(a) Trade and development

The Council will consider the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 15-26 March 1993) and transmit directly to the General Assembly the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session (Geneva, 20 September-1 October 1993) (Council decision 1993/208 A).

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (A/48/15, Supp. No. 15, vol. I)

(b) Food and agricultural development

The Council will review in depth the report of the World Food Council on its nineteenth session and submit recommendations thereon to the General Assembly for consideration and action (Council decision 1993/208 B). 5/

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council on its nineteenth session (A/48/19, Supp. No. 19)

5/ The report of the World Food Council will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

(c) Science and technology for development

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council established a functional Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235 (decision 1992/218). The Commission will report to the Council on the work of its first session (Headquarters, 12-23 April 1993). The Council approved the draft provisional agenda and programme of work for the first session of the Commission (see E/1992/76, sect. I) in resolution 1992/62.

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its session in 1993, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system (A/47/419/Add.1) as a means of examining the contribution of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the enhancement of the national capacities of developing countries in the field of science and technology, and to make appropriate recommendations thereon (Assembly resolution 47/199).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session (E/1993/31, Supp. No. 11)

(d) Transnational corporations

The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (Headquarters, 5-15 April 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the session in decision 1992/282.

The report of the Commission is expected to include the recommendations of the Commission on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa (Council resolution 1986/1). At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to prepare studies on the level, form and responsibilities of operation of transnational corporations in South Africa, including their non-equity business arrangements and their involvement in particular sectors of the South African economy, and to report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its nineteenth session, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1992/34).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (E/1993/30, Supp. No. 10)

(e) Natural resources

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council established a Committee on Natural Resources, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235 (decision 1992/218). The Committee will report to the Council on the work of its first session (headquarters, 29 March-8 April 1993). The Council approved the draft provisional agenda and programme of work for the first session of the Committee (see E/1992/76, sect. II) in resolution 1992/62.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session (E/1993/29, Supp. No. 9)

(f) Population questions

International Conference on Population and Development. At its second regular session of 1989, the Council decided to convene in 1994 an international meeting on population and designated the Population Commission as the preparatory committee (resolution 1989/91). At its second regular session of 1991, the Council decided that the meeting should henceforth be called the International Conference on Population and Development and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to report to the Council in 1992, 1993 and 1994 on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference (resolution 1991/93).

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, endorsed Council resolution 1992/37, in which the Council decided to convene the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994; invited the Council, at its organizational session for 1993, to consider the possibility of adjusting the proposed timing and duration of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference; and requested the Council to formulate and adopt modalities to ensure the participation in and contribution to the Conference and its preparatory process of relevant non-governmental organizations; it also requested the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to submit a progress report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 47/176).

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council decided that the second session of the Preparatory Committee should be rescheduled to take place from 10 to 21 May 1993 in New York; it also decided to convene the third session of the Preparatory Committee from 11 to 22 April 1994, within the overall resources of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to be approved by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session; it further decided to postpone the twenty-seventh session of the Population Commission until 1994 and to consider at the Council's substantive session of 1993 the possibility of scheduling it in conjunction with the third session of the Preparatory Committee; and it adopted the modalities for participation in and

contribution to the Conference and its preparatory process of non-governmental organizations, as set out in the annex to the resolution (resolution 1993/4).

The Council will also consider the relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme dealing with the United Nations Population Fund.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development (E/1993/49)

Relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development

(g) Human settlements

The Council will review the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session (Nairobi, 26 April-5 May 1993), which will include the report of the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000. 6/ In reviewing the report of the Commission, the Council will consider only specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the Commission (Council decision 1993/208 C).

Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000. At its forty-second session, the Assembly requested the Commission to formulate a global strategy for shelter to the year 2000 for submission, through the Council, to the Assembly at its forty-third session (Assembly resolution 42/191). At that session, the Assembly adopted the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/43/8/Add.1), decided to review and clarify the Strategy on a biennial basis and requested the Commission, as the body designated to coordinate the implementation of the Strategy, to report biennially to the Assembly on the progress made in its implementation (Assembly resolution 43/181).

In its resolution 43/180 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to keep the Assembly periodically informed, through the Council, on progress achieved in improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and the disadvantaged.

6/ The report of the Commission on Human Settlements will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of improving the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory and, pending the exercise of their right to self-determination, to plan for concerted economic and social actions by the United Nations system, and also requested him to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 46/162).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/48/8, Supp. No. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory

(h) Environment

The Council will review the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on its seventeenth session (Nairobi, 10-21 May 1993). 7/ In doing so, the Council will consider only specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the Governing Council (Council decision 1993/208 C). The Governing Council of UNEP reports to the General Assembly through the Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session (A/48/25, Supp. No. 25)

(i) Desertification and drought 8/

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region. The Secretary-General reports regularly to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, as well as on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, which has been

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7/ The report of the Governing Council of UNEP will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

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designated the focal point for coordinating United Nations efforts to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in carrying out their recovery and rehabilitation programme (Council resolution 1978/37 and Assembly resolutions 39/168 B and 40/209).

Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia. At its second regular session of 1991, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other international and national development assistance organizations, to undertake a study to assess the extent of the problem of aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia and to provide a framework for national and international cooperative efforts, and to submit the study to the Council in 1992 (resolution 1991/97). At its substantive session of 1992, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the interim note by the Secretary-General, urged the Secretary-General to submit the study to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 1992/55). In view of the scope of the study, it will be submitted to the Council at its substantive session of 1993.

Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda. The Secretary-General apprises the Council annually of the status of this question (Council resolution 1983/46).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, including the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region Report of the Secretary-General on combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia (E/1993/55)

(j) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its seventeenth session (Geneva, 7-16 December 1992). The Committee was established in pursuance of Council resolution 645 G (XXIII). The Secretary-General reports biennially to the Council on the work of the Committee (Council resolution 1488 (XLVIII)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its seventeenth session (E/1993/57)

(k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

In its resolution 42/178 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session and, in order to strengthen further the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic programmes and operational activities, to prepare biennially, as an annex to the report mentioned above, an update of mandates governing the integration of women in economic development adopted by the Assembly, the Council and the Commission on the Status of Women and by world conferences of the United Nations system, a list of the titles of all subprogrammes and programme elements relating to the integration of women in development, as contained in the proposed programme budget and in revisions to the medium-term plan, and a compilation of decisions taken by United Nations intergovernmental bodies other than the Commission, the Council and the Assembly relating to the integration of women in development.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to continue to update the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development and to submit a preliminary version to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, in 1993 and a final version in 1994 (Assembly resolution 46/98).

The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 47/95.

The Council will also have before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the preliminary version of the update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/48/70-E/1993/16)

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27, Supp. No. 7)

(l) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries 9/

The High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries is entrusted with the overall intergovernmental review of

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9/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations system. It reports to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 33/134). The Council will have before it the report of the Committee on its eighth session (Headquarters, 24-28 May 1993).

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session (A/48/39, Supp. No. 39)

(m) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council endorsed the updated global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS as the global policy framework (World Health Assembly document A45/29), also endorsed the recommendations of the Management Committee of the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS (GPA/GMC/92.14) and requested the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, acting in close collaboration with other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on further developments concerning coordination of HIV/AIDS activities at the global and country levels (resolution 1992/33).

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session and biennially thereafter, through the Economic and Social Council, on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS (Assembly resolution 47/40).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Item 16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/57, entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan". The Council reaffirmed the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regarded any infringement thereof as being without any

legal validity; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of resolution 1992/57. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 47/172 on the subject.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1992/57 and General Assembly resolution 47/172

Item 17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination with a view to submitting to the General Assembly the Council's report as requested in paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 39/16.

At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the 10-year period beginning on 10 December 1983 the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; approved the Programme of Action for the Second Decade annexed to the resolution and called upon all States to cooperate in its implementation; and requested the Council to take charge, with the help of the Secretary-General, of coordinating the implementation of the Programme of Action and of evaluating the activities undertaken during the Second Decade (Assembly resolution 38/14).

At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly requested the Council, during the period of the Decade, to submit an annual report to the Assembly, containing: (a) an enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, (b) a review and appraisal of those activities and (c) its suggestions and recommendations (Assembly resolution 39/16). At its forty-second session, the General Assembly approved the plan of activities for the period 1990-1993 (Assembly resolution 42/47).

At its first regular session of 1985, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit annual reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade (resolution 1985/19). At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/13 on this subject.

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council recommended that, in 1993, the General Assembly proclaim a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination; and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third decade and to submit it to the General

Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 1992/13). The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 47/77.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Item 18. Human rights questions

The Council will consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its forty-seventh session and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session.

The Council will also consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session (Geneva, 1 February-12 March 1993). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session were approved by the Council in its decision 1992/264.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. In accordance with article 45 of the Covenant, the Human Rights Committee reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. In 1993, the Human Rights Committee held its forty-seventh session at Headquarters from 22 March to 8 April, and will hold its forty-eighth session at Geneva from 12 to 30 July and its forty-ninth session at Geneva from 18 October to 5 November.

At its organizational session for 1985, the Council agreed that the Human Rights Committee would transmit to the Council, on a regular basis, the text of the general comments adopted by the Committee in accordance with article 40, paragraph 4, of the Covenant; and, without prejudice to further consideration of the present arrangements at a future session, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report of the Human Rights Committee directly to the General Assembly (decision 1985/105).

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, entrusted by the Council, as from 1987, with overseeing the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17), will report on its seventh session, held at Geneva from 23 November to 11 December 1992. It will be recalled that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 3 January 1976. Under article 16 of the Covenant, States parties to the Covenant undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant.

Commission on Human Rights. The report of the Commission is expected to include its response to the following resolutions:

(a) Assembly resolution 44/53, in which the Assembly requested the Commission to continue to consider the question of popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in the full realization of all human rights, and to inform the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, of the results of that consideration;

(b) Assembly resolution 47/123, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the future course of action on the question of the right to development;

(c) Assembly resolution 47/130, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission, at its forty-ninth session, to continue giving priority to the review of the fundamental factors that negatively affect the observance of the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

(d) Assembly resolution 47/141, in which the Assembly decided to keep under consideration, during its forty-eighth session, the situation of human rights in Afghanistan in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Assembly resolution 47/143, in which the Assembly decided to keep the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Haiti under review during its forty-eighth session and to consider it further in the light of the information supplied by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(f) Assembly resolution 47/145, in which the Assembly decided to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights in Iraq during its forty-eighth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(g) Assembly resolution 47/146, in which the Assembly decided to continue the examination of the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran during its forty-eighth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council.

Suppression of the traffic in persons. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its substantive session of 1993, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that had not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (resolution 1992/10).

Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to invite the Government of South Africa to report, no later than 31 December 1992, on the measures it had taken to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association concerning South Africa (E/1992/70), and thereafter at yearly intervals until the Economic and Social Council was satisfied that the said recommendations had been implemented; it also requested the Secretary-General to refer the reports of the Government of South Africa on this matter to the International Labour Office, with the request that the latter transmit to the Council its advice and comments stemming from examination of the said reports (resolution 1992/12).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee on its forty-seventh session

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session (E/1993/22, Supp. No. 2)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session (E/1993/23, Supp. No. 3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons (E/1993/61)

Report of the Secretary-General on infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

Documentation for information

Summary records of the seventh session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Item 19. Advancement of women

The Council will consider the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its twelfth session (Vienna, 18-29 January 1993), the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-seventh session (Vienna, 17-26 March 1993) and the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session (Santo Domingo, 15-19 February 1993). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 1992/269. The Council will also have before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/78 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas and on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development; a proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 will also be before the Council.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). The Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women. In accordance with Council resolution 1990/15, the following three priority themes were considered by the Commission at its thirty-seventh session: under equality, increased awareness by women of their rights, including legal literacy; under development, women in extreme poverty: integration of women's concerns in national development planning; and under peace, women and the peace process. The report of the Commission is expected to include recommendations on the following:

Draft declaration on violence against women. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council decided to convene an intersessional working group of the Commission on the Status of Women to further develop a draft declaration on violence against women and to report to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session, with a view to recommending a draft declaration to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (resolution 1992/18). The working group met from 31 August to 4 September 1992.

Violence against migrant women workers. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the time constraints and pending the completion of a written report, to make a preliminary oral report, through the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, on the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 47/96).

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council decided to establish the Institute as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations, funded through voluntary contributions; it also decided on guidelines for the Institute (resolution 1998 (LX)). The statute of the Board was approved by the Council and endorsed by the General Assembly (Council decision 1984/124 and Assembly resolution 39/249). The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly commended the report of the Secretary-General on national experience relating to the improvement of the

situation of women in rural areas (A/44/516); requested the organizations and funds of the United Nations system, donor organizations and countries to promote the realization of programmes and projects aimed at the improvement of the situation of rural women, and to provide, on request, training opportunities for national machineries in order to increase their effectiveness; and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 44/78).

System-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development. At its second regular session of 1989, the Council, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC), to report to the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) and the Council, biennially in odd-numbered years beginning in 1991, on the extent to which the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development was incorporated into the programmes and programme budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system (resolution 1989/105).

System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for 1996-2001. In resolution 1989/105, the Council endorsed the timetable proposed by the Secretary-General for the preparation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (see E/1989/9). A preliminary report outlining the proposed framework of the plan was submitted to the Council in 1992 (E/1992/6), through the Commission on the Status of Women and CPC. The detailed plan has been elaborated on the basis of the comments of those bodies. The Council will have before it the proposed plan in time to provide guidance for the preparation of the individual medium-term plans of the system for the 1996-2001 cycle.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its twelfth session (A/48/38, Supp. No. 38)

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27, Supp. No. 7)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session (E/1993/44)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/78 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

Report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development (E/1993/51)

Proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (E/1993/43)

Item 20. Social development

World social situation. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the world social situation in depth on a regular basis and to submit the next full report on the world social situation, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly in 1993 (Assembly resolution 44/56). In its resolution 44/57 on the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to include in the next report on the world social situation a special section dealing with the activities carried out in pursuance of the resolution. The report on the implementation of the Declaration will appear as an annex to the report on the world social situation. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1993 report, to take into account the intrinsic relationship between economic growth and social development and to analyse in depth the impact of the economic problems of the developing countries on the world social situation (resolution 1992/26).

Commission for Social Development. The Council will consider the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (Vienna, 8-17 February 1993). The provisional agenda and documentation for the session were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/226. The report of the Commission is expected to include the recommendations of the Commission on the following questions, of which the Council is also seized:

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, endorsed the International Plan of Action on Ageing adopted by the World Assembly on Ageing (Report of the World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982), 10/ and requested the Council, through the Commission for Social Development, to review the implementation of the Plan of Action every four years, beginning in 1985, and to transmit its findings to the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 37/51).

Equalization of opportunities for disabled persons. The Council, at its first regular session of 1990, authorized the Commission for Social Development to consider, at its thirty-second session, the establishment of an ad hoc open-ended working group of government experts to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled children, youth and adults; and requested the Commission, should it establish such a working group, to finalize the text of those rules for consideration by the Council in 1993 and for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (resolution 1990/26).

10/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16, chap. VI, sect. A.

Strategies for social development cooperation. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council, inter alia, noted with appreciation the convening of the Meeting of the Expert Group on the Social Impact of the Critical Economic Environment on Developing Countries: Strategies for Social Development Cooperation, at Järvenpää, Finland from 17 to 21 September 1990; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council in 1993, through the Commission for Social Development, on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199, annex), and on the progress made in elaborating the suggestions and recommendations of the Expert Group (resolution 1991/12).

Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development. In its resolution 46/90, the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (E/CONF.80/10, chap. III) requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in the implementation of and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles and to the resolution.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (Vienna, 13-23 April 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the session were approved by the Council in decision 1992/274.

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/152 concerning operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/22 with a view to strengthening the operational capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, especially operational activities and advisory services. It requested the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, on the progress made in the implementation of the various provisions of resolution 1992/22. The report of the Secretary-General will also include a section on options and recommendations for the creation of an appropriate mechanism, such as a foundation, to mobilize human, financial and other resources, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/23.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (E/1993/50/Rev.1)

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24, Supp. No. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (E/1993/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (A/48/56-E/1993/6)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (E/1993/32, Supp. No. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22 (E/1993/10)

Item 21. Narcotic drugs

The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (Vienna, 29 March-7 April 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in decision 1992/277. The report of the Commission is expected to include the comments of the Commission on the following question, of which the Council is also seized:

Examination of the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/99, in which it decided to hold four plenary meetings, at a high level, at its forty-eighth session, in order to examine urgently the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances, and in which it requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, its comments regarding the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its high-level plenary meetings.

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: action by agencies of the United Nations system. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to give due attention in its work to the coordination of drug control activities and to update the System-Wide Action Plan for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 and the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. It further requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to review and update, as necessary, the System-Wide Action Plan on a biennial basis (Assembly resolution 47/100).

Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council approved the administrative arrangements prepared on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in agreement with the International Narcotics Control Board and contained in the annex to Council resolution 1991/48; requested the Executive Director to implement those arrangements, taking into account the character, powers and functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of its full technical independence in the performance of its tasks; it also requested the Executive Director to report to the Council through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-sixth session, in 1993, on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/48).

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 1992.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session, including the comments of the Commission on the report of the Secretary-General on the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances (E/1993/29, Supp. No. 9)

Update of the System-Wide Action Plan by the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the administrative arrangements of the International Narcotics Control Board

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992 (E/1993/45)